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## SCORE A VICTORY.

Things Look Bright For the Woman Suffragists.

Ben Henderson Elected Temporary Chairman

Of the Populist State Convention Today.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

The Women Present Give Henderson an Ovation,

While the Convention Cheers Itself Hoarse.

THE GOVERNOR TALKS.

He Will Not Take the Nomination

Unless It Comes Entirely Without Opposition.

Unlike the Republican convention the delegates were the first to arrive at Hamilton hall this morning and came marching in displaying their badges of Populism without evincing the least bit of diffidence. The yellow badges which the women had sold the delegates yesterday at ten cents apiece were replaced or entirely covered up by blue ones, a sign perhaps that the women would be turned down and hidden just as they had been in the Republican convention.

P. P. Elder and Editor Costigan of the Ottawa Journal had seats side by side in the Franklin county delegation and cast sweet glances at each other in spite of the underlying political bitterness. Warden Dick Chase marched in but didn't act at all like he was running things as the anti-administration people charged. M. A. Householder of the state board of charities was shaking hands smilingly with the delegates and when they didn't have their faces buried too deep in the Advocate they looked up and spoke to him.

J. M. Dunsmore, the "Bald Hornet of the Neosho," was buzzing around, but every one who expected to see a wasp like him was deceived. The Dispatch band entertained the assembling people with music and after they had waved the Star Spangled Banner played a medley of war tunes very nicely. Susan B. Anthony and Miss Anna Shaw were on hand to see if Populists would prove any more pliable than Republicans.

Mrs. Laura M. Johns, Republican, though she is, invaded the meeting and Mrs. Annie L. Diggs came in with Miss Jessie Lewelling. When the doors were opened leading to the seats reserved for spectators a stream of people was forced up the stairs on the dead run like beef cattle through a stock yard chute. Smooth looking Mr. Breidenthal made his appearance on the platform and the crowd cheered.

Called to Order. With unheeded of promptness for political meetings, Chairman Breidenthal, of the state committee, called the convention to order at exactly 11 o'clock. Mr. Breidenthal desiring to have the best of order, begged of the convention not to forget that they were men and women.

Mrs. Anna H. Shaw invoked the divine blessing while the delegates sat stock still in their seats, only some of the platform showing the respect of rising. Some members from the Crawford county delegation stood up because they couldn't find seats and after prayer was over they made a demand for them. "There are seats enough for every delegate," said Chairman Breidenthal, "and I am not entitled to seats. I am informed that one gentleman is occupying two seats; that is out of order," and the difficulty was soon adjusted.

When the convention had been called to order by Chairman Breidenthal and after the Rev. Anna Shaw had offered the invocation, there was a delay in the proceedings because the Modocs were not present, and a colored man from Cloud county, who was said to be a singer, had not arrived.

W. L. Brown of Kingman, S. C. Wheeler of Cloud, Ben S. Henderson of Cowley and Wm. Stryker of Barton county were placed in nomination for temporary chairman.

Judge Doster said he had attended the Cowley county convention and seconded the nomination of Ben Henderson as he knew him to be a good chairman.

Mr. Toothacher of Wyandotte county was nominated, but as he was not a delegate his name could not be considered.

Wm. Stryker of Barton county withdrew before the vote was taken.

When the vote began it soon became evident that Henderson was the favorite.

Withdrew His Name.

Before the vote was announced W. L. Brown of Kingman withdrew his name amid cheers and moved that Mr. Henderson be nominated by acclamation. P. P. Elder didn't like this a little bit, because a motion of his had been ruled out of order and he waved his hands and shouted "Mr. Chairman" in futile objection. The convention gave a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

P. P. Elder in announcing Franklin county's vote for temporary chairman, said, "Franklin county casts its solid vote for that grand little man, Ben Henderson, and as he sat down he winked his left eye slyly at some one over in the first district.

Mr. Henderson was escorted to the stand by W. L. Brown of Kingman and S. C. Wheeler of Cloud. When he came upon the platform the women arose and waved their handkerchiefs furiously. Mr. Henderson is a suffragist and they considered victory in sight.

In accepting the chairmanship, Mr.

Henderson made a short speech. He referred to several party issues and then called attention to the suffrage question. He said: "The suffrage question is an issue in this campaign and we will not, like the cowardly Republicans last week, avoid the question. It takes brave men to meet the issues of the day and we are equal to the emergency."

At the reference to the cowardly action of the Republican party in not endorsing woman suffrage, in Mr. Henderson's speech the convention yelled with delight, the women jerked their handkerchiefs about like a wind whipping a line full of clothes on washing day and Mrs. Diggs jumped up and down with ecstasy.

What Henderson's Choice Means. The selection of Henderson as temporary chairman is a victory for the suffragists as a caucus of anti-suffragists

handshakes could win support she certainly secured a solid delegation. One solid section in the west end of the hall was reserved for the women and they filled it full of representatives of that sex with bright faces. A very pretty young woman in blue distributed knots of yellow ribbon among the men and secured hosts of converts. The convention was called to order at 2:10 and the Modocs were announced for one song, but it was a mistake for they were not present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright "of Shawnee county, Populists soul and body," were called on for a song and after showing the proper diffidence four women and two men came out and sang a song in still small voices that had for the refrain "They are coming from the east, they are coming from the west," at which the convention



GOVERNOR LEAWELLING.

this morning declared they had the convention "fixed" and that Brown would be chairman.

Henderson is strongly pronounced on that question and a suffragist personally and politically. Chas. S. Davis of Junction City was elected temporary secretary by acclamation.

Chairman Henderson thought the convention needed more prayer and he called on Rev. Mr. Goodnew from Pawnee county, whose prayer was more like a Populist speech than a request to the Lord. "Oh God," said Mr. Goodnew, "bless the chief executive of this nation provided that he repeat of his sins." (Great cheering and laughter.) Referring to woman suffrage he prayed that "the millions of disfranchised women in this country be released from their bondage," and concluded in the midst of a storm of cheers and amens.

Cheering a supplication to the Lord was little surprising to Miss Susan B. Anthony. One delegate wanted to make an amendment to the amendment to the amendment, and while the convention was floundering around with this momentous question, D. G. Gill the confederate soldier from Franklin county, wanted to clear things up by moving a substitute for the whole thing, but was howled down as the chair didn't seem to know whether it was in order.

A Call for the Committees. Some one called for the committees and the chair said, "I will take me sometime, I haven't got any slate." A motion to adjourn was lost, because the chairman can't hear ayes half as well as Chairman Peters of the Republican convention.

Mr. Dunsmore asked the chairman a question and the chair said: "No sir, the chair made no such ruling." The presiding officer was trying to keep order to the best of his ability and the delegates were generously assisting him by yelling "order, order, order," in a long wailing voice as though they were calling hogs.

After a long discussion on the question of the appointment of committees, ex-Governor Elder succeeded in inducing the convention to agree to have the various committees appointed, three members each from each congressional district.

Mr. Costigan of Franklin suggested that the committee prepare duplicate copies of their reports for the use of the members of the press.

The convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock, to give the congressional districts time to select their members of the various committees.

After the motion to adjourn prevailed, the greatest confusion reigned.

Chairmen of delegations stood up on chairs and yelled "sit down," because they wanted the districts to confer, and the body of the convention echoed back "sit down yourself." Bedlam was no name for the noise, and men crowded and pushed like they were in a mad struggle for life and bread.

At the Afternoon Session.

Two large banners about five feet square were added to the decorations (afternoon). One bore in large letters, "Our Financial System," and underneath was a British lion holding the neck of the American eagle fast in his mouth. The other represents Cleveland and Sherman walking arm in arm down a road, at the side of which is the representation of a silver dollar labeled "Voted." Sherman points to the dollar and says: "That's right, Grover." The crowd cheered when they were brought in and placed against the wall by the side of the sledge hammer cartoon.

A nice looking young woman with a bright yellow badge and a face full of earnestness, labored zealously with the members of the fourth district delegations while the convention was assembling. If glowing smiles and warm

cheered and encored them. The singers responded with "When the election comes around we'll all be there," in the same piping voices which seemed totally inadequate to fill the hall. The Modocs having appeared in the meantime, sang "The Song of Jubilee."

The Modocs responded to an encore, beginning, "Adam was the first man that ever was invented," which pleased the convention more than anything they had heard today. The announcement of the committees caused lots of trouble because half of the names were so peculiar that they had to be spelled out, the worst mistake being the calling of McGuire for McGuire.

When Mrs. Eliza Hudson's name was announced as a member of the committee on resolutions there was hand clapping and some cheering, showing that the convention appreciated the recognition of women in the selection of committees.

Human delegate Present. Mrs. Eliza Hudson of Anderson county, is the only woman delegate in the convention. She had a seat near the front in the Second district section. She is a woman about 35 years of age, rather good looking, dark complexioned with hazel eyes, and wore a pretty new black straw hat. She had a big palm leaf fan with which she fanned herself and a man sitting by her who had a beard as red as Judas Iscariot's.

When a motion was made to refer all resolutions to the committee on resolutions, Judge Doster of Marion raised the point of order that the motion was out of order and the chair sustained the point. This aroused Editor Costigan, who jumped upon a chair and dissented from Judge Doster's remarks and the decision of the chair, but the chair would not recognize him. For a long time he stood there with his hand raised trembling for a chance to talk. Some one appealed from the decision of the chair, the vote was taken and the chairman declared the chair sustained. R. M. Chenault of Bourbon shaking with excitement and so furious that he could hardly talk demanded a call of the roll of counties. P. P. Elder spoke against the chair.

Speaker Dunsmore made a long talk in favor of sustaining the chair because the convention was not yet a properly organized body and the man who made the appeal withdrew it when the chairman declared he would rule all similar motions out of order until the committees reported.

A motion to adjourn to 4 o'clock was lost and Mrs. Carrie Lane Chapman Catt addressed the convention. She was greeted with enthusiastic applause and was listened to with closest and most undivided attention.

Mrs. Catt Speaks.

Mrs. Catt said: "The woman has always opened her heart at the touch of the labor movement. Do you know that in this country there are 4,000,000 working women? They are nearly all in the east. They have to work 24 minutes longer each day to buy their thread and six minutes more to pay the tariff on the thread. We came to you in the behalf of the 4,000,000 working women to ask that they may have a voice in the government."

"There is not a party but resolves in favor of the working man—gentleman it is a lie. [Applause.]

"They tell the women that if she wants a voice to go down into the highways and byways and find her a man and marry him. [Applause] and then have him vote for her; but there are not enough men to go around. [Applause.]

"I predict that in fifteen years every state in the union will have eliminated that little word male. [Applause.] We ask you to do this thing so that the news that byways and find her a man and marry him. [Applause] and then have him vote for her; but there are not enough men to go around. [Applause.]

say that there is a movement in Kansas to give women the ballot, and that if they do they can no longer stop this reform. [Applause.]

"If you do this, you will say that your wives and daughters are to have the same right as those who live in the city. The Republican party kept itself in power by a simple act of justice, and you can do the same."

"There are many Greenbackers in your state who believe that the Populists are a party of the people and of principle, and how are you going to hold them if you refuse to put a plank in your platform. [Applause.]

"If you put it in your platform and nominate the right kind of men you will sweep the state in a mighty way in November." [Applause.]

Miss Anthony Talks. Miss Susan B. Anthony was called for and introduced by Chairman Henderson as one who had labored for her sex two score years. Ex-Gov. Gluck was an interested listener and enjoyed hugely Miss Anthony's castigation of the Republican party. Miss Anthony said: "We shall ask of every possible gathering of men for a resolution saying that the women should have the same right as the men. I understand that 80 per cent of the People's party are in favor of suffrage and will vote for it. [Applause.] I belong to but one party under the shadow of the flag and that is the party of idiots and criminals. We haven't been pardoned yet by the government. Now, I don't like my company. [Applause.] Do you blame me for asking for this. [Loud cries, No! No!] Do you want to leave your wives and daughters in the society of idiots and lunatics. [Voices—We want.] No party can live that does not favor new and radical reform ideas. [Applause.] I ask you to say that every woman by your side should have the same rights as you have."

Created a Big Sensation. When Miss Anthony had concluded, ex-County Attorney W. H. Carpenter of Marion created a great sensation by saying: "Before Miss Anthony leaves I want to ask her a question before this convention, and out of all due respect for her: Miss Anthony, in event of the Populists putting a woman suffrage plank in their platform, would you work for the success of the Populist party?"

Miss Anthony came forward to answer amidst the wildest cheers. She said: "For forty years I have been laboring for the success of woman's enfranchisement and I always said that for the party which first endorsed it, whether it were Republican, Democrat or Populist, I would wave my handkerchief. [Applause.] I will go before the people at your meetings and though I don't know a thing about the other principles of your party—a perfect ignoramus on finance and tariff—I will try to persuade every man in those meetings to vote for woman suffrage."

"Miss Anthony," said Mr. Carpenter, "we want more than the waving of your handkerchief, and if the People's party puts a woman suffrage plank in its platform will you go before the people of this state and tell them that because the People's party has espoused the cause of woman suffrage it deserves the votes of every one who is a supporter of that cause?"

Miss Anthony: "I most certainly shall."

Immediately upon hearing Miss Anthony's answer, the convention went wild—yelled and cheered and applauded to its very utmost. Hundreds rose to their feet. The cheering lasted for five minutes without intermission.

Judge Doster was demanded and addressed the convention. He made an impassioned exhortation and assumed quite an evangelistic tone. When he said, "I don't want any cowardly utterances in the platform such as were made by the Republicans, both public and private," some man in the back part of the audience cried loudly, "God forbid!"

Mr. Doster said further: "I don't want a platform to catch votes on." [Applause.]

"Let us resolve in favor of allowing our wives to help us out of this industrial feudalism."

Permanent Organization. It was with shouts upon shouts that the report of the committee on permanent organization was received when read by Col. Fred J. Close its chairman. The committee selected the officers of the Populist "house" of the last legislature as the permanent organization: J. M. Dunsmore, the "bald hornet" of Neosho, as permanent chairman and Ben C. Rich as permanent secretary.

Judge Frank Doster and Fred J. Close escorted the permanent officers to the platform and the cheers with which they were received were deafening.

It was said that office holders would not be given seats in the convention but it seems that the administration fixed matters to suit themselves and that the rule was transgressed whenever an opportunity offered. The governor's private secretary, Fred Close, had a seat on the floor in the Doniphan county delegation and was chairman of the committee on permanent organization, which reported J. M. Dunsmore for permanent chairman.

A TRICKY PAIR.

P. P. Elder and W. L. Brown Try to Outwit the Women.

The smooth trickery and skulduggery of the anti-suffrage members of the convention has failed to capture the committee on resolutions, at least, Mrs. Diggs and her associates say the committee is satisfactory to them.

The first attempt to shut the friends of suffrage out of the convention was made in the anti-suffrage caucus this morning, which attempted to make W. L. Brown the temporary chairman of the convention.

Failing in this, the next move of these scheming politicians was to adopt an unusual proceedings in state conventions of political parties and take the power and right to appoint the various committees of the convention; including the committee on resolutions, out of the hands of Chairman Ben S. Henderson, who in accepting the chairmanship announced that he believed a suffrage plank should go into the platform.

W. L. Brown, the defeated candidate of the anti-suffragists for chairman, championed the measure to take the ap-

pointing of these committees out of the hands of Chairman Henderson.

P. P. Elder, the well known anti-suffragist from the second district, also joined hands in this, although he voted for Henderson for chairman. Elder proposed and championed the plan to have these committees named by the congressional district delegations.

The anti-suffragists went into each congressional district caucus and fought for the anti-suffrage members of the committee on resolutions. It has been stated by the enemies of suffrage that the scheme had worked and the First, Fifth and Sixth district committeemen were opposed to a suffrage plank; but in spite of this the suffrage workers say they are satisfied that they will win the day for a suffrage plank.

In the convention this afternoon another scheme to shut the friends of suffrage out of the right to debate the suffrage question was submitted.

W. L. Brown made a motion to refer all resolutions to the committee on resolutions without debate.

Judge Frank Doster opposed this, and although P. P. Elder championed Brown's motion, the chairman was sustained in ruling the motion out of order, because the committee on order of business had not yet submitted its report.

Every step of the way is being fought to a finish by the anti-suffragists, but the friends of suffrage predict a victory.

TELEGRAM FROM SIMPSON.

The following telegram from Mrs. Jerry Simpson was read before the convention this morning:

BERKELEY SPRINGS, Va., June 9. Governor L. D. Lewelling, Topeka, Kan. I have Jerry at Berkeley Springs, about one hundred miles from Washington, and he is doing finely. Don't worry; he will be ready for the fight.

Mrs. JERRY SIMPSON.

Hundreds of throats sent up a big rousing cheer, when the telegram was finished which lasted several moments and as the general applause was subsiding one lone delegate from the Seventh district came in like the last crashing note of a brass band, "Hurrah for Jerry!"

The secretary was instructed to prepare a reply from the convention to Mrs. Simpson. The reply is:

CONVENTION HALL, June 12.

Mrs. Jerry Simpson, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.: Your telegram read in state convention amid great enthusiasm. The entire Populist party of Kansas sends congratulations for the cheering news, "Kansas is redeemed," and her people will keep off the grass.

CHAS. S. DAVIS, Secretary.

THE COMMITTEES.

They Are Announced—Each One Containing Twenty-One Members.

On Resolutions.

First District—J. W. Farmer, C. B. Hamblin, H. Hoffman, W. V. A.

Second—P. P. Elder, J. P. Raney, Mrs. Eliza Hudson.

Third—Wm. Cook, E. R. Ridgley, J. A. Wylie.

Fourth—F. T. Johnson, S. W. Martin, C. C. Gordin.

Fifth—A. C. Pattee, S. C. Wheeler, Wellington Doty.

Sixth—J. F. Hicks, J. F. Kimwell, F. B. Ferguson.

Seventh—W. O. Bashore, G. W. Hollebeck, W. L. Brown.

Permanent Organization.

First District—F. J. Close, J. F. Phelan, W. D. Tropp.

Second—R. M. Chenault, A. F. Allen, Ed Blair.

Third—J. R. Charlton, A. H. Jennings, W. A. Tankale.

Fourth—Peter Paulson, W. H. Thomas, Lew Wright.

Fifth—G. E. Ross, Jos. Lockhart, Wm. Rudie.

Sixth—Joseph Dailing, W. A. Mount, B. F. Hilton.

Order of Business.

First District—James Doby, J. P. McGuire, Felix O'Neal.

Second—J. K. P. Baker, E. B. Gill, C. S. Ritter.

Third—Geo. H. Cannon, J. M. Watson, S. W. Baxter.

Fourth—W. F. Tipton, W. T. Cofferman, Hugh Lawler.

Fifth—J. J. Kugler, F. W. Baitley, S. E. Ingraham.

Sixth—J. T. Hale, S. S. Rollby, J. M. Finney.

Credentials.

First District—W. A. Billings, J. T. Gish, A. R. Smith.

Second—H. M. Greene, J. F. McDonald, M. S. Thompson.

Third—H. S. Hawey, Millard Kimball, S. Marshall.

Fourth—S. W. Lyons, J. H. Rucker, W. M. Fierle.

Fifth—H. U. Boyd, John Tufts, S. B. Lord.

Sixth—W. W. Mitter, W. W. Aldrich, M. D. Eaton.

THE DECORATIONS OF THE HALL.

Cartoons That Are More Personal Than They Ought to Be.

Whatever progress reform, with a big R, may have made among the Populists art reform has made no decided or perceptible impression, if the cartoons that decorate the walls of Hamilton hall are to be considered as mirroring Populist art ideals. A series of cartoons, representing Republican redeemers, decorates the back of the hall.

O. L. Atherton, candidate for state treasurer on the Republican ticket, is represented sitting at a poker table holding aces up, with a bottle in front of him, which he looks at as though he thought if he drew he could fill. Major Hudson is squared to the bar and shows his true Kansas spirit by drinking from the original bottle instead of the ordinary common-place mug. The woman suffragists are depicted as a crowd from an impetuous received from the foot of the Republican party, while Congressman Funston wears a pity-the-blind placard labeled certificate of character from Saloon-keeper Murray.

Dick Blue with two bags of dollars under his arms, has a roguish expression on his face and is called "Bodler Blue," while Major Morrill is pictured as a 3 per cent a month "redeemer." George T. Anthony is flitting from the safe containing the school funds, as though a great part of it had not already been paid out for worthless bonds. Others of the cartoons for the most part represent ideas too indecent to suggest, however true they may be and which could only find a place under a management whose ideas of respectability and decorum were

## AT EMPORIA.

The Prohibition State Convention Meets Today.

Ex-Governor St. John Made Temporary Chairman.

NOT GOING TO FLOP.

St. John Says There's No Hope From Populists,

But Wants Nearly All the Populist Planks.

EMPORIA, Kans., June 12.—The prohibition hosts began to gather here this morning for the state convention, which meets at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The attendance is small and very little canvassing is being done. The delegates seem to have no idea who the nominee for governor will be, although St. John's name is most frequently mentioned.

The ex-governor, however, says he will not accept the nomination for any office. He denies the report that he is to drop over to the Populists and he condemns the present state administration.

The Convention Assembles.

The convention assembled at the Whitley opera house at 2 o'clock this afternoon. There is a fair attendance and considerable enthusiasm.

Chairman Newton of Ottawa called the convention to order and after prayer ex-Gov. John P. St. John was elected temporary chairman.

He was escorted to the platform while his admirers made the hall ring with cheers. He made a characteristic speech and was loudly applauded. He denounced the Republicans, Democrats and Populists and said the present congress was a stench in the nostrils of all decent people.

He denounced the Lewelling administration as weak and cowardly and said there would be no hope in that direction if the convention in Topeka today did not rise above it.

Outlining the platform that should be adopted he said the convention should declare for the suppression of the liquor traffic, demand the government ownership of railroads and telegraphs, endorse free and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1, declare in favor of direct issue of money by the government, oppose the issuance of bonds for any purpose should favor election of senators by popular vote and declare for equal suffrage.

The indications now are that I. O. Pickering of Olathe, will be nominated for governor and that a complete ticket will be named.

At 3:30 the convention took a recess for an hour to give the chairmen time to make up his committees. Nothing will be done in the way of naming a ticket before tomorrow.

## FIRES FUNSTON.

The Committee Reports in Favor of Col. Moore Today.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—A report in favor of giving to Col. Moore, the Democratic contestant, the seat for the Second Kansas district held by Funston (Rep.), was made by the sub-committee to the house committee on elections today.

at least very crude if not undeveloped altogether.

DUNSMORE ON HORTON.

Ex-Speaker of the Populist House Comments on the Gunn Case.

Several hundred Populists, including a number of delegates of the state convention, attended the state officers reception at Representative hall last night. It had been announced that the affair was to be entirely informal, and it was.

All the chairs in the hall were occupied and fifty or sixty people walked around, leaned on the radiators and tried to make themselves comfortable and agreeable.

Frank Forrest, the ex-state house janitor, who is now connected with the Advocate, officiated as chairman and introduced the speakers who were called for, and addresses, short and spicy, were made by ex-Speaker J. M. Dunsmore, G. C. Clemons, S. S. King, R. E. Kies and S. M. Scott.

S. A. Martin, of Eureka, sang several campaign songs.

When ex-Speaker Dunsmore was making his speech he talked about the certificate plan of the legislature over which he presided for a short time and argued that the Populists were right and that their position had been sustained by the action of congress last summer. He said in congress the right of any member to a seat is never questioned until he is about to be sworn in and members are not sworn in until after the temporary organization has been effected. The clerk calls a roll which he has prepared and the names called from that roll are the names of the members who take part in the temporary organization.

"Judge Horton decided against us and in direct opposition to a case of the same kind from Maine, and I want to say that Judge Horton is guilty of anarchy."

In conclusion he said: "This whole question is summed up in 'Higgins, hades and Horton.'"

The meeting adjourned about 11 o'clock.

AMIS TO BE NOMINATED.

He is the Winning Candidate for Secretary of State.

The delegates of the Sixth congressional district canvassed at Lincoln Post hall this morning, and for two hours talked about the endorsement of their candidate for secretary of state.

It had been generally agreed by the delegates to the convention that the Sixth district was to be given the privilege of selecting the candidate for secretary of state to succeed R. S. Osborn, who was until yesterday not considered a candidate for renomination.

Secretary Osborn and his friends were

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